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In re of Application of:

GARY S. CHISHOLM ET AL.

Application No.: 09/049,161

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRECISE
POSITIONING OF LARGE STRUCTURES

Examiner: Olga Hernandez

Art Group: 3661

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. The Office Action of March 21, 2001, sets forth various rejections in light of Wilson et al., U.S. Patent 6,140,957. However, this reference cannot properly be considered prior art to the present application.

It should be remembered that the present application is a divisional application and has the same effective filing date as its parent application: July 8, 1996. The Wilson reference has an earliest effective filing date of March 12, 1998, nearly two years **after** the effective filing date of the present application. By definition then, the Wilson reference was not "filed in the United States before the invention" of the presently claimed system and, therefore, cannot be prior art under 35 USC 102(e) or 103 as recited in the Office Action.

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For at least the above reasons, the present claims are patentable over the cited reference.

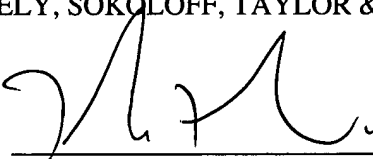
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SIR: Transmitted herewith is a Response for the above application.

 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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